



PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS:

CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.

Palliser Regional Schools Mission Statement



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1. Summary of Off Campus Program

Palliser Regional Schools is committed to promoting and facilitating meaningful career and vocational exploration opportunities for our students. Exploring potential careers will allow students to develop their passions, strengths and skills and prepare them for life beyond high school.

Off Campus Education Vision:

Igniting a Passion in Students for Lifelong Learning and Career Exploration

Off Campus Education Mission:

In keeping with Palliser's overall mission, the career and vocational exploration team will encourage students to explore interests and gain skills to increase their success and confidence in becoming engaged global citizens. In order to do this effectively, our goal is to facilitate collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders that will encourage students to find their passion and work to their fullest potential.

This mission is also in keeping with the overall purpose for off campus education as set out by Alberta Education:

Alberta Education permits school authorities to develop off-campus education programs and courses in accordance with prescribed guidelines and procedures. Such programs allow junior and senior high school students to investigate a variety of career opportunities.

They also allow senior high school students to gain practical experience as they apply and expand their knowledge, skills and attitudes in contexts that will assist them in making wise decisions regarding their future education, training and employment upon leaving senior high school and allow for the smooth transition from school to work and/or post-secondary institutions. <https://education.alberta.ca/off-campus-education/programs-of-study/>

The “Why”

The Career and Vocation Exploration team (CAVE) intends to create strong connections within the communities of our schools to enable the facilitation of learning opportunities for students. The intention is to build upon what students are learning in the traditional school setting by creating opportunities to learn beyond the four walls of the classroom. Many students need “hands on”, practical ways to apply their knowledge. The traditional classroom setting does not always provide an engaging learning environment to allow non-traditional students to thrive.

In addition to creating an alternative learning environment, the Career and Vocation Exploration team will provide students the opportunity to meet the core competencies as set out by Alberta

Education. The competencies were developed as a guideline to identify the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to prepare students to become active, successful and engaged citizens beyond their high school years. Off campus education provides opportunities to engage high school students in activities and learning experiences that will develop and enrich their development in these core competencies.



For more information about the competencies, visit:

<https://education.alberta.ca/competencies/student-competencies/?searchMode=3>

2. Explanation of Off Campus Programs

- **Dual Credit:**

The dual credit program allows students the opportunity to pursue post secondary opportunities before the graduate from high school. This program intends to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities and expose them to a variety of potential careers. Students earn both high school and postsecondary credits for taking a dual credit course.

<https://education.alberta.ca/dual-credit/alberta-dual-credit/>

- **Work Experience:**

“Work Experience” means off-campus experiential learning undertaken by a senior high school student 15 years of age or older: (1) as an integral part of a planned school program (2) which is under the cooperative supervision of an off-campus coordinator and the employer’s onsite representative (3) where the activity constitutes a separate course based on 25 hours per credit.

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/371242/offcampus.pdf>

- **RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program):**

The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is an apprenticeship program for senior high school students 15 years of age or older. RAP students are both full-time students and registered apprentices, and must be actively working toward the completion of senior high school. RAP students take courses such as English language arts, social studies, science, mathematics and other complementary courses to meet the requirements for either an Alberta High School Diploma or a Certificate of High School Achievement.

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/371242/offcampus.pdf>

- **Green Certificate:**

By completing a series of three courses to the specified standard in an agricultural production specialization, a student could earn a Level I (Technician) Green Certificate issued by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development that is recognized by agribusiness in Alberta. The student could also earn 16 credits toward the Alberta High School Diploma or the Certificate of High School Achievement. The apprenticeship-style delivery ensures that a participant learns through actively performing the skills required. The student (trainee) learns on the job, under the direction of experienced farm personnel (trainers) and under the supervision and administration of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Alberta Education.

The Green Certificate Program consists of nine specializations:

- Bee Keeper Production
- Cow–Calf Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Equine Technician
- Feedlot Beef Production

- Field Crop Production
- Irrigated Field Crop Production
- Sheep Production
- Swine Production

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3. Other Off Campus Initiatives

- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Internships
- Experiential Learning Week

4. Helpful Resources for Parents/Students

- Alberta Education Off Campus Resources:
<https://education.alberta.ca/off-campus-education/programs-of-study/>
- Career and Technology Studies Curriculum and Information:
<https://education.alberta.ca/career-and-technology-studies/?searchMode=3>
- High School Completion Strategic Framework
<https://education.alberta.ca/high-school-completion-strategic-framework/strategic-framework/everyone/framework-materials/>
- Career Transitions Website (Southern Alberta): careersteps.ca
- The Educational Partnership Foundation (Calgary): <https://tepf.ca/>